

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.C.R. No. 181
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred
S.C.R. No. 181 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING AN
INTERISLAND FERRY SYSTEM SIMILAR TO THE FERRY SYSTEM OPERATED
BY WASHINGTON STATE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the
Department of Transportation to study the feasibility of
establishing an interisland ferry system similar to the ferry
system operated by Washington State and report to the Legislature
prior to the 2016 Regular Session.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Transportation, Hawaii Farm Bureau
Federation, and Hawaii Shippers Council. Your Committee received
comments on this measure from the Grassroot Institute of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that an interisland ferry system can
serve as an efficient alternative for transporting passengers and
cargo. Washington State Ferries, which is part of the Washington
State Department of Transportation, operates the largest ferry
system in the United States. With twenty-two ferries traversing
the Puget Sound and its inland waterways, Washington State Ferries
serves as a marine highway for commercial users, tourists, and
daily commuters.



Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requesting the Department of Transportation to also look at ferry systems in other jurisdictions in conducting the study;
- (2) Amending its title in accordance with its amended purpose;
- (3) Requesting the Legislative Reference Bureau to assist the Department of Transportation in the preparation of its report to the Legislature on findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 181, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 181, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Transportation,

Clarence K. Nishihara

CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Eighth Legislature
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SCR181	Committee Referral: TRA	Date: 3/31/15		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312</div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311</div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310</div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313</div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (C)	✓			
HARIMOTO, Breene (VC)	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
ESPERO, Will	✓			
INOUE, Lorraine R.	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D.				✓
SLOM, Sam				✓
TOTAL	7			2
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"> </div>				
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